

Developmental Disabilities Council  
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**Issue: Council 2007 Legislative Agenda**

Included in this Reading:  
2006 Legislative Agenda

Background/Summary:

We usually use the current legislative agenda to start the conversation about what we want to be in the next year's legislative agenda. The committee can build on the current format and issues or develop something new. The goal would be to take a committee recommendation to the September full Council meeting (or November at the latest).

Action:  
Discussion

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## Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council



## 2006 Legislative Agenda

*Advocates for People with  
Developmental Disabilities  
and their Families*



## OUR MESSAGE

- The goals of disability policy for individuals with developmental disabilities are equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency.
- Support individuals to become employers, employees, taxpayers and neighbors in our communities.
- Support families to stay together, support their loved ones and build a stronger future.
- Fund DD programs that are efficient and effective.

## OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**Invest** in home and community services that protect jobs, independence, and stability.

**Enhance** and increase programs that promote people's health, safety, habilitation and dignity.

**Include** planning of services for people who are unable to drive in funding of transportation projects.

**Increase** funding of services that ensure access to health care, self-determination, and community living.

**Promote** opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to choose their own career path in integrated employment settings at livable wages.

**Develop** short and long-term revenue growth options so that people who require publicly funded supports are appropriately supported in the community.

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